

SINGLES BOX LEAGUES

How to Join

Bracknell Lawn Tennis Clubs Box Leagues are open to all peak time adult members and Junior with Senior Status members over the age of 16. Junior with Senior Status players under the age of 16 may also be considered, but subject to approval by the match and tournament committee.

Email: box@bracknelltennis.com

General Rules

- Matches are best of 3 sets (3 normal sets or 3rd set as a 'championship' tiebreak)
- Results are submitted using the PlayWaze system (via App or browser)
- Matches can be arranged using PlayWaze (once you login) – if you forget your password – contact PlayWaze (not the id above)
- You can message (using the App) other players in your box to arrange matches
- Nearer the time of the match, contact can also be made by phone or via our email list

Scoring for Completed Matches

- Win a match – 5 points (2 points for a win, 1 point each set, 1 point for playing etc)
- Loss in 3 sets – 2 points
- Loss in 2 sets – 1 point
- Unfinished match – see scoring in bullet 1 above) – e.g.: 1-1 set all – 2 points each player.
- Legitimate Walkovers – 3 points. Conceding Walkovers: -1 point.

A player is deemed 'active' in a box league campaign, if he/she has completed at least 3 matches. Otherwise - his/her results are declared void for that period once that box campaign ends. If you are injured, please let us or your fellow opponents know.

League Position

- A Player's league position is determined by the total number of points (in a round). In the event two or more players are tied on the same number of points – position is determined below (evaluation stops at a matched criterion, in the order shown):
 - Most matches played – with one exception only
 - If 2 are tied AND played each other; skip to H2H
 - Head-to-Head (H2H applies if 2 tied only AND played each other this round and winner of H2H match has played minimum 3 matches 😊)
 - Ratio of Sets won / total played overall; followed by games ratio.

Walkovers

- These are only allowed at the Box League organisers' discretion; usually where a player pulls out of a match within hours of the start time or is a no-show.
- **NOTE: Definitely no walkovers are allowed inside the last 2 weeks** (except in circumstances under 'Scoring' section). Each case is reviewed. Players usually make every effort between themselves to re-arrange or show discretion if circumstances intervened and prevented a match starting, or there is a genuine mistake about the start date/time. You cannot claim a walkover in any other circumstance, such as no-response to a match invitation or where someone is unavailable for a period of time (eg vacation). A Members list with box league member's mobile number is available from the club secretary as a PDF / at clubhouse.
- If your opponent pulls out during a match (eg, at 1 set all or early in 3rd set, then retires), **then this is not a walkover**; with agreement of other player, record the remaining set scores, from where you left off (in the example above, 6-0 in the 3rd set). The result should be a normal 2 or 3 set scoreline (from when the opponent retired).

Promotion / Relegation

- Generally, it's 'three up / three down' – the Match secretary may use his/her discretion to promote a player or introduce a new player into a given box eg. if someone drops out of the leagues – and see section on 'League Position'.
 - Division 2 is the exception: it will have 3 promoted / 4 relegated (to div 3a/3b)
 - Div 3a, 3b will have 2 promoted from each, 2 down from each.
 - Div 4a, 4b, also 2 up / 2 down
 - Div 5a, 5b also 2 up, 2 down
 - Div 6 is 2 up.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Players playing 2 matches or less, may be relegated in lieu of players who have played more, but may be on the same or less points.** This is subject to the discretion of the Box league organisers, and any mitigating circumstances (like injury during a box campaign). We want to favour more matches being played.

Grand Prix (Ladies/Men's events)

- This is a season-long 'race' where (irrespective of box tables) the top male and top female players win a prize for winning each 'gender' grand prix race. Spans a whole year of box campaigns. We will revisit this in April, when the new membership year starts.

Box Leagues setup

- Generally, a 'campaign' runs over 8 - 9 week period. Then promotions/relegations are resolved and the next 'round' is posted to the board and online. The nominal size of an individual box table is 7 players – division 2 has 8. This is the max for a table.
- Results do not go towards your Rating (LTA no longer accept them for internal leagues)
- The Box League organisers do their 'volunteer' best to introduce new players to the Box leagues, that will be balanced for everyone. All factors are taken into consideration, but ultimately, it is at the Box Organiser's discretion. All queries box@bracknelltennis.com - Please only use this to contact Box league organisers.

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